

Mountain Home School Charter



# February 2012 News



## Let There Be Snow!

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### Reminders:

I.M.C. parent inservice	Wednesday, January 25
Attendance Month #6	Friday, January 27
Cimi Payment #5	Friday, February 10 (\$70)
Mining & Mineral Field Trip	Friday, February 10
Attendance Month #7	Friday, February 17

*Presidents' Week School Break ~ MHSC closed Feb. 20-24th!*

### Attention Parents!

Please remind your students that food is not to be eaten in the library or "play room." We also want to bring to your attention that some of our students are severely allergic to certain foods, particularly nuts (in any form)!

We ask that you be mindful of this when at our school site and if possible, provide alternative snacks for your children when they are here, especially on class days. We appreciate your help. If you wish to contribute food during a class function, check with the classroom teacher first to make sure it can be eaten by the students.

Thank You!

### Contacts

To contact a staff member by phone, dial 559-642-1422 and press the extension number for the person you need.

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# EVENTS

## Valentine's Party

DATE: Tuesday, February 14

TIME: 12:30-2:00



This party includes K and First Grade Music Movement and More and Story Time students.

It will replace the regular classes that day.

**Please sign up on the back bulletin board if your child will attend.**

## International Expo Day 2

You won't want to miss the next **International Expo Day** at Mountain Home School Charter on **Friday, March 30th** from 10:30-12:30. Researching a country and preparing a project to share with your MHSC family is a great way to accomplish those skills that are so important for higher level work: notetaking, outlining, editing, layout and design, and public speaking.

The first International Expo Day, which was in November, was wonderful and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. You too can be a part of the fun by signing up for the next one. Just pick a country on the country list (on the back wall) and put your name by it, and then sign the sign-up sheet. There are "idea" helps available.

Please see Joanie if you have questions.

## Geography Game Show

Put on by 8th grade student, Hannah Lodge



At the next International Expo Day, there will be a geography game show which will be held after the conclusion of the presentations and food. It will be fun for all ages!

Two teams will be put together with mixed ages on the day of the event. Each team will work together to answer questions correctly. For example, "Where is Australia?" The contestants would then locate Australia on a map. Another example, "What is the official language of Brazil?" The contestants on each team will all decide on an answer.

All questions will be in a wide range of difficulties, so even younger students can also participate!

## SPELLING BEE

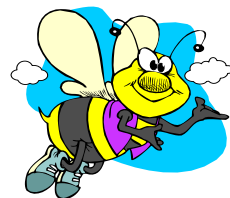
***Have you been practicing? Don't forget to sign up and get your word lists!***

**Date:** Friday, March 9th

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Place:** Mountain Home School

**Contact:** Kathi Bales (ext. 12)



# Classes

## Open Art Studio

For those serious (grades 4-8) art students wishing to expand their drawing skills, the art room will be open from 12- 2:30 on Tuesdays, Feb. 14, March 20 and 27. We will be drawing still lifes of various subjects, discuss elements of art and design, and critique art.

Please see sign up sheet. Talk to Joanie for more information.



## Attention: Eighth Graders

**Don't forget to sign up and get your entrance packet for the Constitution Class!**

What does the Constitution mean to you? How does it affect your life?

Beginning Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> there will be an eight-week Constitution Class, taught by Joanie and Kathi, from 12:00 to 1:30. A sign-up sheet has been posted.

## Silk Painting Class

for 7th and 8th Graders

For the first time ever, there will be a silk painting class offered to *serious* 7th and 8th grade art students who wish to explore this fascinating medium. Glacier High teacher, Irina Buca, will teach design concepts and silk painting techniques.

Come and enjoy the fun!

**Dates:** Tuesdays, February 28  
March 6

Step 1: Design and gouache application  
Step 2: Painting

**Time:** 12-2:30 (Jr. High-General Math students can attend until their class starts at 1:30.)

**Sign up sheet available.** Questions? Please see Joanie or call 642-1422, ext.13.

# Important Information

## Pictures?!! You Have Them—Yearbook Staff Needs Them!

Dear Parent or Student,

**Get your pictures in the yearbook!** The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.schoolannualonline.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 400135130 and password: coyote
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! The last day to submit photos is 03/30/2012.

Thank you, and enjoy the rest of the school year!

Sincerely,  
Yearbook Adviser Sylvia and the 2012 Yearbook Staff.

*The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.*

The State's **Writing Exam** is the first test being administered prior to the multiple choice tests which begin April 17th and run through the first week of May. If you are new to our school and missed our August-September Newsletter with information about state testing, below are the grade levels and tests students are required to take. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk with your Charter Teacher.

Grade 2	English/Language Arts	Math		
Grade 3	English/Language Arts	Math		
Grade 4	English/Language Arts	Math	<b>*Essay</b>	
Grade 5	English/Language Arts	Math	Science	P.E.
Grade 6	English/Language Arts	Math		
Grade 7	English/Language Arts	Math	<b>*Essay</b>	P.E.
Grade 8	English/Language Arts	Math	Science	History

**\*The essay test will be administered to all 4th & 7th grade students on Tuesday, March 6th.**

**The test will begin at 10:00 am and last approximately 1 to 1-1/2 hours.**

**All morning math classes will be cancelled on this day!**

Thanks for your continued support by making sure your student/s participate in the state testing!

